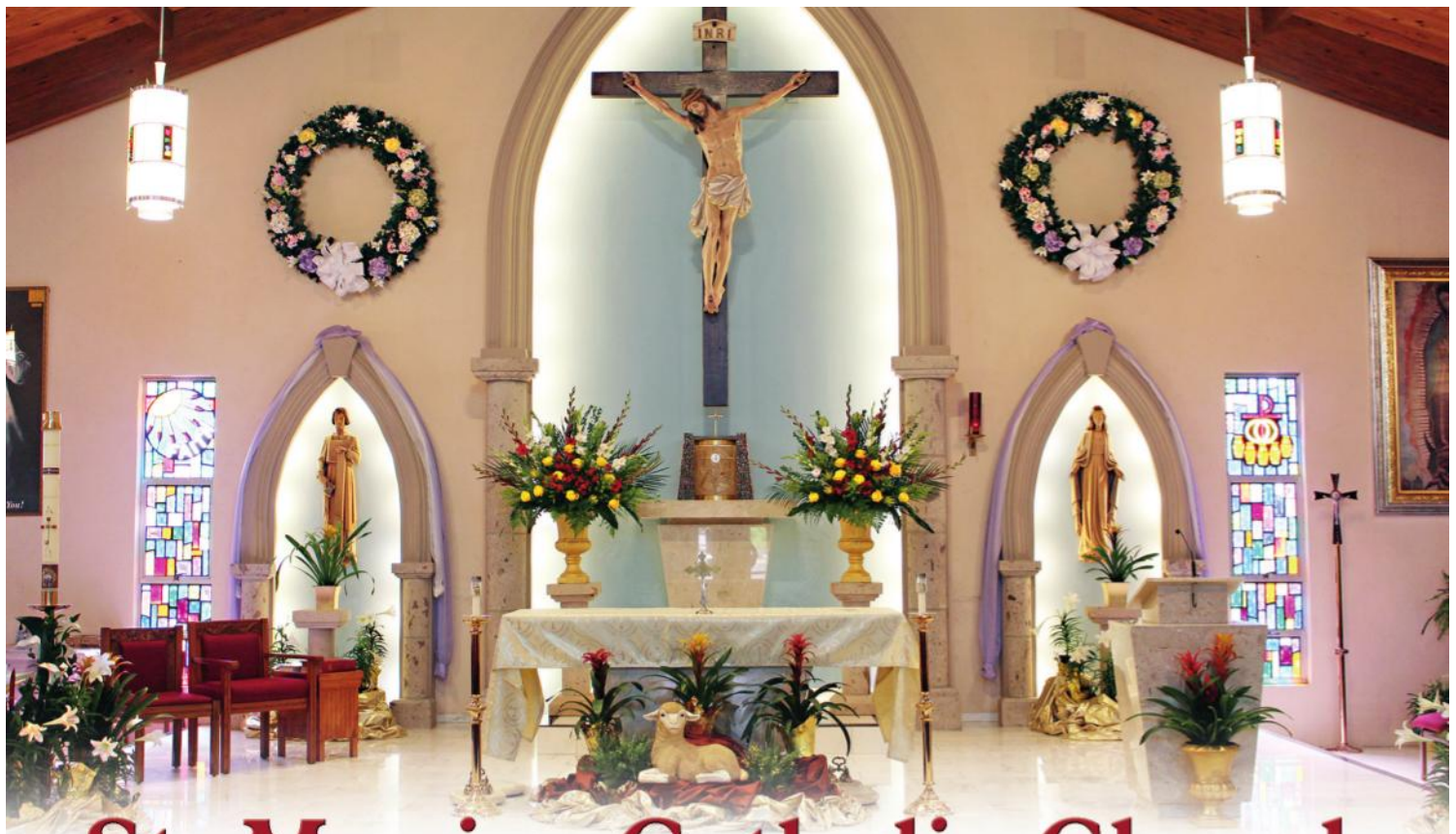




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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 (Spanish), 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays: 8:15 a.m.

HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

40 HOURS: Thursday 7:00 p.m., prior to Friday of month

RECONCILIATION: Sat. 4:00 p.m. & Wed. 6:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Fri. after Mass until 7:00 p.m.

EUCCHARIST FOR SICK & SHUT-INS: Contact church office.

BAPTISMS: 1st Sat. of month at 11:00 a.m. Spanish Baptisms on 2nd Sat. 11:00 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION: 2 year program required; usually received in 2nd grade.

CONFIRMATION: Must complete a 2 year program which begins in high school.

MARRIAGE: 6 months notice required. Contact parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Director, Janice Van Slambrouck, 416-2018. Grades K-5th, Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m. Office hours - Tue., Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

GLOW (4th-6th grade group) meets Thurs. in hall 6:30-8:00 p.m. Annette Winfield, 210-885-0861

RCIA: Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Classes begin in Sept. on Sun. 10:30 a.m., parish hall. Josie Rodriguez 988-3954. Spanish RCIA: Sr. Esperanza Buitron 659-4242 rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net

ST. MONICA SCHOOL: Early Childhood-8th Grade. Principal, Ms. Abby Salazar, 658-6701. School Annex 659-5939. Inquiries to school office.

QUINCEANERA: Must be registered parishioner at least one year; attend Religious Education classes and have priest's permission.

ALTAR SOCIETY & THRIFT SHOP: Altar Society meets 1st Tues. 12:00 noon, Sept.-May. Thrift Shop Wed. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Edna Diaz, 598-9885.

REGISTRATION FORMS: In parish office or next to the bulletin board inside the church.

CHOIR: 9:00 a.m., Bill Staggs, Music Minister, 274-8847. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Thurs. 6:30 p.m.; Children's Choir & Guitar Rehearsal - Tues., 6:30 p.m.; Michelle Hernandez, Music Minister, after 5 p.m. 215-0811. Spanish Choir - Mon. 7:00 p.m. Glissie Esquivel, Director, 251-2902.

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Fri. 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall. Martin Sanchez, 387-3469.

ACTS: Ralph Diaz, 887-9721.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets 2nd Tues. 7:30 p.m. Tony Canez, Grand Knight, 857-0789.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Ruben Rosas, President, 818-1230. Meets 2nd Tues. at 12:00 noon.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meets 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Sylvia Benavides, 656-2609.

GUADALUPANOS: Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, Margie Moncada, 661-7381.

LIFE TEEN (High School Youth Group): Sun. 3:00-4:30 p.m., parish hall. Lyle Pearce, 210-913-5585.

EDGE (Middle School Youth Group): Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m. Jan Van Slambrouck, 913-5585.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP: Meets 2nd Thurs., Sally Tokarski at 367-1118.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meets Tues. 7:00 p.m., chapel.

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY (bilingual) Meets first Sat. 9:00 a.m. in church. Carmenza Barrios, 724-8660.

The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community of faith, making God's love visible through service to others.



Mon 1/21 8:15 a.m. † Carmen Rosas
 Tues 1/22 8:15 a.m. Ed Armenta = SI
 Wed 1/23 8:15 a.m. † Cathy West
 Thurs 1/24 8:15 a.m. Domie Esquivel = SI
 Fri 1/25 8:15 a.m. † Dominick Scarpati
 Sat 1/26 5:30 p.m. † Adam Baros
 † Onufry Cielenski
 Sun 1/27 7:30 a.m. † Peggy/Ed Bednas
 9:00 a.m. † Lorene Coleman
 † Gordon Clarkson
 11:00 a.m. † Christopher Tufino
 Juan Estevan Restrepo = SI
 Giselle/Julio Zamago = 20A
 1:00 p.m. Guevara Family = SI
 † Arnulfo Torres
 5:00 p.m. † David Hebert
 7:00 p.m. † Almas en purgatorio

Sunday, January 13th Collection:
\$11,327.00

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
\$5,693.57



Next weekend's second collection for St. Monica's School



Men, is it hard to imagine a weekend without football? Do you find yourself caught up in the "rat race"? Come on a Men's ACTS Retreat so you can discover what your passion really is. The retreat dates are February 7 - 10, 2019 @ St Anthony de Padua in San Antonio; \$180 each. All men from St Monica are welcome. Contact JR Lopez @ 210-857-0197, Art Gonzales @ 210-287-1316, or Steve Medellin @ 210-394-2695 for information.



St. Monica's Goal: \$760,000
 Pledges: \$190,420 (as of 1-10-2019)
 Cash received: \$19,589.89

Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate the sacrifices all of you are making. No amount is too small when it is given with Love ☺ If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so.

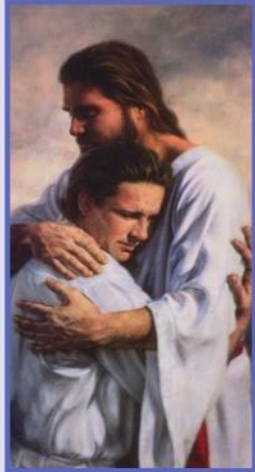
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The church office will be close Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

La oficina parroquial estara cerrada el dia 21 de enero por el dia de Martin Luther King, Jr.

RETIRO PARA HOMBRES

Hombres, se encuentra atrapado en la lucha incesante por adelantar? Venga a un retiro de ACTS para hombres para que pueda descubrir cuál es realmente su pasión. Las fechas de retiro son: 7 al 10 de febrero de 2019 en San Antonio de Padua en San Antonio. Todos los hombres de Santa Mónica son bienvenidos. Comuníquese con JR Lopez @ 210-857-0197, Art Gonzales @ 210-287-1316, o con Steve Medellin @ 210-394-2695 para obtener información.



HOLY HOUR

Join us for the Holy Hour and Adoration Thursday, January 24 at 7 p.m.
Holy Hour is bilingual.

HORA SANTA

Venga a la próxima Hora Santa y Adoración el jueves 24 de enero a las 7 p.m. Habrá música para la oración, meditaciones y reflexiones. Pase una hora con nuestro Señor y Salvador



The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of thoughtful husband, father, and grandfather **Tom Silk**



NECESITAMOS SU PARTICIPACIÓN

En el fin de semana del 26 de enero y el 27, humildemente pedimos a cada familia que por favor tome unos minutos para llenar un formulario de inscripción para que podamos actualizar nuestra base de datos aquí en el registro del St Monica. Gracias ☺

Retrouvaille

¿Está luchando en su matrimonio? Hay esperanza. Hay ayuda. Retrouvaille es un programa de gran éxito para ayudar a las parejas a sanar y renovar sus matrimonios.

Desde 1977, decenas de miles de parejas en relaciones desesperadamente frías, sin amor, o al borde del divorcio, han restaurado su amor mutuo asistiendo al programa. El próximo curso en San Antonio comienza el 1º de febrero de 2019.

Para obtener más información o para registrarse, visite www.HelpOurMarriage.org o llame al (210) 848-3278.



Is your marriage struggling? There is hope. There is Help.

Retrouvaille is a highly successful program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. Since 1977, tens of thousands of couples in hopelessly cold, unloving relationships, or on the verge of divorce, have restored their love for one another by attending the program.

The next course in San Antonio begins on February 1, 2019.

For more information, or to register, go to www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call (210)848-3278.



EVENTS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 21, St. Agnes

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
Stroke Scan in hall from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Bible Study in English in hall at 7 p.m.
Bible Study in Spanish in hall at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 22

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Stroke Scan in hall from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Divine Mercy Group in church 7 p.m.
Catholic Daughters in hall 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23, St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
EDGE (middle school youth) in hall 6:25—7:35 p.m.
CCD (1st thru 8th) 6:25 thru 7:35 p.m. in school

Thursday, January 24, St. Frances de Sales

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
Holy Hour 7:00 p.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
GLOW (grades 4th thru 6th) in parish hall 6:30 p.m.
Choir practice with 9 a.m. Mass in hall at 6:30 p.m.
Men's ACTS Team in hall 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Spanish Prayer Group meets in hall at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 26, SS. Timothy and Titus

Confessions 4 p.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
Mini retreat for Men's ACTS Team in hall 8 a.m. to 12 Noon
Family of the Rosary in hall 9 a.m.

Sunday, January 27

Masses in a.m. 7:30, 9:00, 11 Fr. Marcin, SDS
Masses in p.m. 1, 5 and 7 (Spanish) Fr. Thumma
RCIA in English at 10 a.m. in Spanish at 2 p.m. both in hall
Life Teen in hall 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Spanish Bible Study in hall 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

EVENTOS ESTA SEMANA EN LA PARROQUIA

21 de Enero, San Raimundo de Penafort

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
Exámenes preventivos vasculares en el salón 8:30a - 8:30p
Estudio de Biblia en español en salón 7 p.m. a 9 p.m.
Estudio de Biblia en Ingles en salón de 7 p.m a 9 p.m.

Martes, 22 de Enero

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Exámenes preventivos vasculares en el salón 8:30a - 8:30p
Grupo de la Divina Misericordia en la iglesia; 7:00 p.m.
Hijas Catolicas en el salón 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Miércoles, 23 de Enero, San Vicente, Santa Mariana Cope

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
EDGE (jóvenes de secundaria) en salón 6:25 p.m.
CCD (clases de religión nivel 1 – 8) en la escuelita
6:25 p.m.- 7:35 p.m.

Jueves, 24 de Enero, San Francisco de Sales

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
Hora Santa 7:00 p.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
GLOW (jóvenes en grados escolar 4th-6th) salón 6:30 pm
Practica con el coro de las 9 a.m. en el salón a las 6:30 p.m.
Equipo de ACTS para hombres en salón 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Viernes, 25 de Enero, Conversión de San Pablo

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Adoración 9 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Grupo de Oración en Español en el salón 7:00 p.m.

Sabado de 26 de Enero, Santos Timoteo y Tito

Confesiones 4:00 p.m. Padre Marcin
Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Marcin
Mini retiro para equipo de ACTS hombres en salón
8 a.m.—12 p.m.
Familia del Rosario en el salón a las 9 a.m.

Domingo, 27 de Enero

Misas de mañana 7:30, 9 y 11 Padre Marcin, SDS
Misas de la tarde 1, 5 y 7 (Espanol) Padre Thumma
RICIA en Ingles (10 a.m.) y Espanol (2 p.m.) en el salón
Life Teen en el salón de 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Estudio de biblia Espanol en salón 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.



NEW MINISTRY AT ST. MONICA'S!

We are in the process of starting a new young adult ministry for people ages 18-30 to share in faith and fellowship. This ministry will have its first meeting Monday January 28th from 8-10pm in the community room in the church. We hope that this ministry will feed the spiritually hungry, and help grow our community so that St. Monica's can continue to be the beautiful sanctuary it is today. You can support our ministry, of course by joining it, and also by telling your friends and loved ones about our existence.

AY UN NUEVO MINISTERIO!

Estamos en el proceso de iniciar un nuevo ministerio de jóvenes adultos para personas entre las edades de 18-30 años con el propósito de compartir en fé y hermandad. Este ministerio tendrá su primera reunión el lunes 28 de Enero de 8:00-10:00 pm en el salón comunitario de la iglesia. Esperamos que este ministerio alimente al necesitado de espiritualidad y que ayude al crecimiento de nuestra comunidad de Santa Mónica para siga el hermoso santuario que ha sido hasta hoy día. Usted puede apoyar nuestro ministerio, por supuesto uniendose a él, y también diciendoles a sus amigos y familiares acerca de la existencia de este ministerio



You are invited to join us for a very special weekend. The 2019 St. Monica's Teen ACTS Retreat will be held March 14-17, at Slumber Falls Camp in New Braunfels. It will be a fun activity-filled three day retreat where you can grow in your faith and have a better relationship with God! The cost is \$180, however, financial assistance is available. For more details, contact Lyle Pearce at 210-913-5585 or Michelle Quintana at 210-823-8379.



RETIRO DE JOVENES

Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros para un fin de semana muy especial. El Retiro de ACTS de Santa Mónica del 2019 para Jóvenes se llevará a cabo del 14 al 17 de marzo, en el campamento Slumber Falls en New Braunfels. ¡Será un retiro de tres días lleno de actividades divertidas donde podrás crecer en tu fe y tener una mejor relación con Dios! El costo es de \$180, sin embargo, la asistencia financiera está disponible. Para obtener más detalles, comunícate con Lyle Pearce al 210-913-5585 o con Michelle Quintana al 210-823-8379.



50 YEARS OF LIVING IN FAITH AND GIVING IN LOVE; ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

In last Sunday's bulletin, there was an insert giving detailed information on the 2019 Archbishop's Appeal. The archbishop's Appeal goal for 2019 is \$4.5 million for the fifth consecutive year and theme of **Encounter: Live in Faith, Give in Love**. St. Monica's goal for the appeal is \$ **38,556.00**. The Annual Appeal and On the Way Andale are two very important, separate initiatives. The Archbishop's Appeal collects funds to help in the following areas and ministries: Social Services, Pastoral, Catholic Communications, Catholic Education and Priestly and Diocanate Formation. Let us support our Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS, in sharing gift of love to others.



La Campana Annual del Arzobispo de 2019 ya ha comenzado! El objetivo desde ano es \$38,556.00. Unase a los feligreses que se solidarizan generosamente para ayudar con los ministerios del Arzobispo Gustavo que son: servicio social, pastorales comunicaciones catolicas, educación católica y formación y formación sacerdotal y diaconal.

Altar Servers Training and Pizza Party

When: Saturday, January 26, 2019
at 9:30am

Where: St. Monica's Church

Who should attend? Those currently serving as Altar Servers and those who would like to become Altar Servers-



You Must have made your First Communion.

For questions, please call or Text Anita Moreno 210-326-3218 or Maria Garcia 210-264-4040

Entrenamiento de Servidores de Altar y Fiesta de Pizza

Cuándo: sábado 26 de enero de 2019 a las 9:30 am

Dónde: Iglesia de Santa Mónica

¿Quién debe asistir? Aquellos que actualmente sirven como Servidores de Altar y aquellos a quienes les gustaría convertirse en Servidores de Altar: **Usted debe haber hecho su Primera Comunión.** Si tiene preguntas, llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Anita Moreno 210-326-3218 o Maria Garcia 210-264-4040

WE NEED YOUR HELP ☺

On the weekend of January 26th & 27th, we humbly ask each family to please take a few minutes to fill out a Registration Form in order that we may update our database here at St. Monica's Parish.

Thank you ☺

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call church office to schedule an Anointing of the Sick especially for the Homebound of our parish. Por favor llama a la oficina de la parroquia si necesita la unción de los enfermos especialment para los que no pueden asistir a la misa.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CELEBRATE YOUR UNION!

Consecrate your marriage to the Holy Spirit. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS will be the main celebrant at the Archdiocesan Anniversary Mass for couples on February 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 6680 Crestway Dr., San Antonio; 78239. For more information, contact Maria Duran Gonzalez 210-734-1637.

VENGA CELEBRAR EL AMOR ENTRE USTEDES



El Arzobispo Gustavo Garcia-Siller va ser el celebrante principal en la misa bilingüe celebrando aniversario de boda de todos los matrimonios el día 15 de febrero de 2019 a las 6:30 p.m. en la iglesia católica de St. John Neumann, 6680 Crestway Dr., San Antonio; 78239. Par mas información, puede comunicarse con Maria Duran Gonzalez a 210-734-1637 o maria.duran@archsa.org

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